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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Subject: Proposed National Security Council Intelligence
Directive No. 8

1. Attached is a memorandum from General Chamberlin, dated 30 January 1948, nonconcurring with the proposed NSCID No. 8 "Foreign Document Exploitation" and requesting an IAC meeting to discuss this.

2. Concurrences have already been received on No. 8 from all other IAC agencies, except JIG.

3. You will note that in this case also General Chamberlin admits. this Proposed NSCID No. 8 "fits the conditions as they exist today," but wants it written for theater commanders and military departments in time of active hostilities. In connection with NSCID No. 7 we have already advised him that these NSCID's are not irrecoverable and are written for current conditions.

4. The ad hoc committee drafting the new Proposed NSCID's thought its final NSCID (No. 8) was the most innocuous one of the lot. By agreement, CIA is already handling the Washington Document Center and this Directive is based on Section 102(d)(4) of the Act "to perform for the benefit of the existing intelligence agencies such additional services of common concern as the National Security Council determines can be more efficiently accomplished centrally."

5. ICAPS thinks one directive on this subject is better than two and it also thinks it is adequately divided into paragraphs numbered one and two and that no further titles or sub-headings are necessary or even desirable.

6. Now the question is (a) since all other IAC agencies have already concurred in the Proposed NSCID No. 8 (except JIG) do we call an IAC meeting as requested by General Chamberlin, or (b) do we tell him that we think the proper way to handle this matter is to refer it to the Secretary of Defense in accordance with NSCID 1, paragraph 3a.

7. Our guess is that if we told General Chamberlin that this Proposed NSCID No. 8 is written to cover present procedures (not future warfare), and that we think it should be resolved by the Secretary of

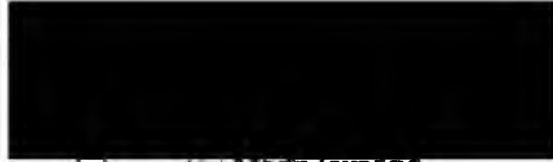
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Defense instead of having further discussion in the IAC when the other IAC members have already concurred in it that General Chamberlin would probably withdraw his nonconcurrence and his request for IAC consideration.

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Encl: Memo from Gen.
Chamberlin, dated
30 January 1948,
same subject
Proposed NSCID No. 8

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